



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 454

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Current law provides for regulation of restaurants by the Department of Health and Family Services and local health departments. The statutes define the term “restaurant” and include a number of exceptions.

Assembly Bill 454 creates an exception to the definition of “restaurant” for a potluck event. The term “potluck event” is defined in the bill as an event that meets the following three criteria:

- Attendees provide food and beverages to be shared and consumed at the event.
- No compensation is provided to any person who conducts or assists in providing the event or who provides food and beverages, and no compensation is paid by any person for consumption of food or beverages.
- The event is sponsored by a church; religious, fraternal, youth, or patriotic organization or service club; civic organization; tavern; parent-teacher organization; senior citizen center or organization; or adult day care center.

Assembly Amendment 1 removes taverns from the list of organizations that may sponsor a potluck event that is exempt from the definition of “restaurant.”

Legislative History

On October 19, 2005, the Assembly Committee on Public Health recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both by votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0. On November 10, 2005, the Assembly adopted the amendment, and passed the bill as amended, both by voice votes.

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